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An inkjet printhead assembly (1) includes a hollow elongate member (10) having at least one ink supply channel (20a) formed therein, the, or each ink supply channel (20a) being in fluid communication with an elongate slot (21) in and extending at least partly along the elongate member (10). A plurality of printhead segment carriers (8) is received and secured in neighbouring arrangement within the slot (21), and at least one printhead segment (4) is mounted to each printhead segment carrier (8). Each printhead segment carrier (8) includes at least one ink gallery (92) arranged so as to connect the or an associated one of said ink supply channels (20a) with an ink inlet (41) of the at least one printhead segment (4) mounted to that printhead segment carrier (8). The inkjet printhead segments (4) are both conveniently supported in the elongate member (10) and supplied with ink, and their printing ranges may overlap longitudinally.